THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) An agreement was signed between Government of India and the World Bank on 10th May, 1985 for the implementation of Sardar Sarovar Project. The resettlement and rehabilitation component of the project was, however, not covered under the World Bank financing. Owing to criticism and agitations by environmental activities, both in India and abroad, the Government of India disengaged the project from the World Bank financing with effect from 29.3.1993. It has been decided to compensate the loss due to disengagement of this project from World Bank assistance by providing additional central assistance.

Sharing of Ganga Waters between India and Bangladesh

2246. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangladesh has made known her inention of going to the International Court over the question of sharing the Ganga waters;

(b) whether he has tried to persuade Bangladesh not to resort to such action; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) India has not been informed by Bangladesh about their intention of going to the International Court of Justice over the question of sharing of Ganga waters. Suggestions for making such a move have been made by some political parties and individuals.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Completion of Irrigation Schemes in Maharashtra

2247. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact hat Government of Maharashtra have sent some proposals to the Central Government regarding completion of the State's irrigation schemes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what decision has been taken by the Central Government on those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) A proposal requesting permission for project specific bonds during the year 1992-93 for a namount of Rs. 100 crores to raise additional resources through public borrowings for expedium irigation projects in Maharashditing construction of Major and Metra had been received from Government of Maharashtra.

(c) The Government of India has not agreed to the proposal as the present scheme of Public Sector Bonds is restricted to only those undertakings which are wholly or party owned by the Central Government.

Completion of Indira Gandhi Canal Project in Rajasthan

2248. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the inordinate delay in the completition of the multipurpose Indira Gandhi Canal Project in Rajasthan;